

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00506-APM**

PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/05/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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PROJECT, INC.**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/05/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5359189) filed by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Summons to the Defendant, # <u>5</u> Summons to the Attorney General, # <u>6</u> Summons to the U.S. Attorney, # <u>7</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Florence, Justin) (Entered: 03/05/2018)
03/05/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROTECT DEMOCRACY PROJECT, INC. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 03/05/2018)
03/05/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmd) (Entered: 03/08/2018)
03/12/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons 2nd, # <u>2</u> Summons 3rd, # <u>3</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 03/12/2018)
04/05/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/26/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/25/2018. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/26/2018. (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 04/05/2018)

04/05/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/26/2016 (Florence, Justin) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/24/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before May 8, 2018. See attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/26/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/8/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>the Parties' Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. The parties shall file the Joint Status Report no later than May 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/09/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/09/2018)
05/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 5/11/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/11/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit a further Joint Status Report on or before September 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/14/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/7/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
09/07/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall submit a further Joint Status Report on or before October 9, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/10/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/9/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report no later than November 9, 2018, regarding Defendant's search for and production of responsive material. The parties shall propose a summary judgment briefing schedule, if appropriate. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/11/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
10/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/9/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 10/11/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>13</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report. The Joint Status Report shall be due on or before November 14, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/13/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/14/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/14/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report no later than December 20, 2018, updating the court on whether a dispute remains regarding attorney's fees

		and, if so, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/15/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/20/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report no later than January 17, 2019, updating the court on whether there remains a dispute over attorney's fees. If so, the parties shall propose a briefing schedule to resolve that issue. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/21/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/17/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/21/2018)